



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Walke *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/755,016 Examiner: C. Fronda

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Title: Novel Human Proteases and Polynucleotides
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

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The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on September 9, 2002 (Paper No. 13), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 13 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

The response is timely filed. Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims so that the text of this amendment follows:

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